

Application Serial No. 10/720,380

Docket No. 2000-096DIV7
PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 31-33, 53-64 and 67-74 were pending. Currently claims 67-69 are cancelled. Claims 56, 60, 61 and 62 are amended to fix the antecedent basis for the variables in the claims. No new matter has been added. The Examiner has allowed claims 31-33, 53-55, 61-64 and 70-74.

Claims 56-60 and 68 are objected to because of "indefiniteness" under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The dependencies of the claims have been amended to correct an obvious error in the way that the claims were drafted. In this regard, claims 56 and 60 were amended to fix the formulas. Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this application, throughout the pendency thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

Respectfully submitted,



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